

Cheese Fumes At Fire Fell Fifty Firemen

One Victim, Gassed During War, Not Expected to Live; Two Others on Dangerous List at Hospital

Blaze Origin a Mystery

Flames in Greenwich Street Produce House Tie Up Traffic for Many Hours

One fireman may die, two others are in a serious condition in St. Vincent's Hospital, and more than fifty others were overcome as a result of inhaling fumes from a fire that burned all yesterday morning through several floors of a five-story building at 445 Greenwich Street, occupied by the Phoenix Cheese Company.

Merchants interested in the building said that it was well stocked with produce, and that the damage done by fire, water, and the evil smelling fumes will amount to \$100,000. "Smoky Joe" Martin, deputy fire chief, after he was able to make an investigation yesterday afternoon, said the damage would be about \$50,000.

Gassed Veteran May Die

The firemen who are in a serious condition are all of Engine Company 27. They are John Flynn, James Melville and Michael J. Brosnan. Flynn is in the most critical condition. He was gassed during the war.

It was these three, with Lieutenant Stapleton and other members of the engine company who discovered the fire, and the firemen who were on the scene when the fire broke out. The fire started in the third floor. The refrigerator was filled with crates of eggs, and it is now believed that the fire may have been caused by a gas leak from the refrigerator. When the firemen opened the refrigerator door they were enveloped in a cloud of heavy smoke, and the smoldering crates were fanned into flames by the fresh air.

When the firemen were swept back from the ice box they found that three of their number were missing. The rescue squad was called and Firemen Charles Rosenkranz, Charles Kennedy, and others under Lieutenant Thomas Kilbride, went in with gas masks after the three men. They found them lying on the floor unconscious.

Fifth Avenue "L" Tied-Up

When Battalion Chief Helm realized that the "L" cars were tied up in relays, he turned in a second alarm. That was about 3:45 yesterday morning. At 4:46 Chief Martin turned in a third alarm.

In the Beach Street police station were summoned to maintain fire lines. Traffic on the Ninth Avenue elevated was stopped, as was the running of the Eighth Avenue surface cars. This resulted in some inconvenience yesterday morning when the business crowds on the Ninth Avenue line were diverted at the Beach Street station. The elevated structure and from the roof of adjoining buildings. As they collapsed from the effects of the smoke they were dragged away and butter-milk was poured down their throats. When they were revived they went back to work.

Just how the fire started is not known. Nor is any one able to explain exactly the cause of the nauseating fumes.

Pair Renew Non-Speaking Pact After 9 Years' Trial

Husband, 75, Father of 12, Says They Got Along Quite Well; Live in Same Home

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bauman, of 422 West 12th Street, West New York, yesterday signed an agreement by which they agreed to live together as man and wife. The contract expired yesterday, and was renewed on the terms indicated. "A clause of the agreement," admitted Mr. Bauman last night, "provides that I disavow all control over my children. They are accountable only to Mrs. Bauman. My wife is relieved of all responsibility to me, and I of all responsibility to her. Under the agreement she must support herself and the children, while I take care of myself. Three of my sons, who are married, live with her and contribute to her support. I rarely see my wife. We get along quite well under the arrangement."

Mr. Bauman has been married twice. His first wife died in 1890. He is the father of seven boys and five girls. Four daughters and two sons are married.

Arrested in Check Fraud

Alleged Swindler, Wanted Here, Taken in Scranton

Detective Fleming, of the Old Slip police station, received word last night that a man known to the police as George K. Hauck had been arrested in the Hotel Casey in Scranton, Pa., on a charge of grand larceny for passing worthless checks.

James Weigman, associated with the Guaranty Trust Company, a detective of the Old Slip police station on July 14 that Hauck had presented checks at the Guaranty Trust Company and drawn on the Commonwealth Bank of Baltimore for \$200. He said that these checks were returned marked "No good." Detective Fleming was assigned to the case, and when he heard that Hauck had been seen in Scranton, he notified the police there.

Onetime Daughter-in-Law

Of Gaynor Put on Probation May Fairchild, one-time daughter-in-law of the late Mayor Gaynor, fainting when she was arraigned before Judge Jean Morris, of Women's Court, for sentence yesterday, following her conviction last week on a vagrancy charge. She was carried out and rearraigned later.

Judge Morris sent her to the Kingsborough Avenue Hospital and placed her on six months' probation.

Farms for Temoak Indians

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The homeless Temoak Indians, of Ruby Valley, Nev., would be provided with farms under a bill by Senator Pittman, Democratic, to-day by the Senate and sent to the House. It would appropriate \$75,000 to buy land with water rights for the homeless government Indians.

Mayo Defies Wife Name Women in Divorce Case

Declares He Tried for Amicable Settlement of Differences Before Filing Suit

Roy Alfred Mayo, the broker who recently started suit for divorce from his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Cushing Mayo, in his first public statement since she disappeared at the time that the couple's young daughter vanished, yesterday defied his wife to name any woman with whom she accuses him of having been friendly. Mr. Mayo says these allegations were made by his wife in answer to his suit for divorce. "This is my first public utterance since my wife disappeared with my baby, Charlotte," he said. "I have not made any derogatory statement about her. I believe that my conduct has been that of a white man thus far, but her statements in the press are of such sort that I am compelled out of pure self-respect to come out of my silence."

Mr. Mayo denied that his wife had appeared voluntarily to accept service in the divorce action. Before proceeding with the action, he said, terms and conditions for the adjustment of their difficulties in an amicable manner were laid before Mrs. Mayo, but that after days of waiting for her answer he served summons and complaint.

Cleverest Mail Box Check Thief Caught in Boston

Dapper French Canadian Cashed \$10,000 in Paper Stolen From Apartments and Dwellings, Police Say

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
BOSTON, July 23.—After being trailed for months by bank detectives in many cities, Romeo S. Buran, a dapper French Canadian of twenty-four, with many aliases, the police say, has been arrested here. Authorities declare him to be the cleverest mail box check thief in the country. It is estimated that he has cashed \$10,000 in checks stolen from the mails in this city during recent weeks.

The police are communicating with other cities in the belief that even more extensive operations will be disclosed. He was occupying a luxurious apartment when arrested. Police charge that Buran took letters from the mail boxes of dwelling and apartment houses and rifled them of negotiable paper. Buran then would open accounts under the names of his victims in local banks and deposit cash.

Later the negotiable paper would be deposited. Against the total amount the man would then draw until the sum was reduced to \$25. Through this method, it is said, Buran had accounts under many names in many banks of greater Boston.

Hirsch Says No Rent Relief Is Due in Fall

Denounces Apathy Toward Tenants' League and Asserts Epidemic May Wake Up City

No appreciable improvement in the rent situation here may be looked for this fall, in the opinion of Nathan Hirsch, formerly chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, who yesterday sounded a warning to tenants because of their failure to join the Citizens' Protective Housing League. Mr. Hirsch has threatened to scrap the league if the requisite membership of 300,000 is not enrolled by August 1.

Mr. Hirsch declared the filing of plans for new dwellings means nothing so long as people find themselves unable to build for lack of loans and because of present costs.

"Any one who thinks rents are going to take a tumble this fall is making a mistake," he said. "The people fail to become aroused unless there is a calamity. Then they find it is too late. On the same principle that we have to have a Triangle fire before we can have proper factory laws, or a tunnel disaster before we make a tunnel that is safe, it would seem that an epidemic is necessary to convince everybody that we have got to have lower rents and more houses. Nothing else can long prevent an epidemic."

Argentine Capital Bombed
BUENOS AIRES, July 18.—(By The Associated Press).—A powerful bomb was exploded in front of the capitol building this morning. A policeman was seriously wounded, but only small material damage was caused. The outrage is credited here to Communist agitators.

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Mrs. Hemming Is Blameless, Officials Hold

District Attorney, With Sheriff, Decides There Is No Evidence to Warrant Action Being Taken

Hysterical at the Time

Warned Husband Not to Go to House, Fearing Eberhardt Would Harm Him

RIVERHEAD, L. I., July 18.—After a conference to-day with his assistant, Charles B. Partridge, and Sheriff John P. Kelly, District Attorney Leroy M. Young of Suffolk County declared there was no evidence to warrant action being taken against Mrs. Helen Hemming, whose husband, Henry G. Hemming, was shot and killed last Thursday night on Duck Island by Frank Eberhardt, caretaker of Mrs. Hemming's estate.

Sheriff Kelly had contended that Mrs. Hemming should be detained as a material witness pending a further investigation, but at the close of the conference he said he agreed with the District Attorney. He said, however, he would continue to work on the case.

"When I made a previous statement that I believed Mrs. Hemming was concerned in the shooting I did not know her condition at the time," said Sheriff Kelly. "From what we have now learned there is no tangible basis for an arrest. The District Attorney tells me that if I can connect up any of the points I have brought out he stands ready to prosecute, but just now there does not appear to be anything to warrant a course different than that pursued."

District Attorney Young, after reading the report of Mr. Partridge, who held that Mrs. Hemming had nothing to do with the shooting, said:

"There is now no evidence tending to show that Mrs. Hemming aided or abetted Eberhardt in the shooting. On the contrary, she warned him not to go to the house, for she feared Eberhardt might do him serious injury. One is not guilty of homicide if one merely fails to prevent a killing. One must do the act or aid and abet it to be liable to arrest."

"As a matter of fact, Mrs. Hemming, the investigation disclosed, was hysterical at the time of the shooting and was in no condition to even attempt to prevent Eberhardt from carrying out his purpose."

"My investigation is completed, but the Sheriff can learn of any new facts, which we have been unable to ascertain, we stand ready to assist him in every way."

Mrs. Hemming was not at her home on Duck Island to-day. It was said she had gone away for a rest and had given the authorities her address.

Mrs. Hemming, in a statement last night, said that she almost received the shot which ended the life of her husband.

Held Hemming in Her Arms
"I had no idea that Frank Eberhardt was going to shoot Mr. Hemming," she said. "As a matter of fact, he nearly shot me. I was holding Mr. Hemming in my arms and was trying to raise him up so that the second and third shots, when fired, nearly went through me."

"There had been no reconciliation between my husband and myself. The break between us could not be patched up."

"The only motive I can assign for

the shooting is that Frank was devotedly attached to Helen and had brooded over by husband's insults to her. Frank was afraid that if Eberhardt might be cruel to Helen. He was one-half Austrian and one-half Corsican, and that is a type that holds hatred and nurses revenge."

"Frank's funeral expenses were paid for by me. There was nothing unusual in that, he was one of my household servants—a faithful servant, deserving consideration."

It was learned last night that Fred R. Haber, a lawyer of 44 Cedar Street, Manhattan, will to-morrow file for probate in New York County the will of Mr. Hemming. It is reported that the estate, which is expected to amount to approximately \$100,000, is left to his son, John G. Hemming.

Kincaid Plans Exposure Of Fake Soldier Beggar

Believes Rule Permitting Veterans to Wear Uniform Would Minimize Evil

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
ALBANY, July 18.—Adjutant General J. Leslie Kincaid has asked Secretary of War Weeks to permit men who have participated in any war in which the United States was a combatant and who as a result of their service are crippled or maimed, to wear at any time the military uniform of their country.

It is the idea of General Kincaid that if such an order is issued by the War Department it will no longer be possible for the panhandler and professional beggar minus an arm or a leg to play upon the public sympathy by pulling out the war record stop. It is considered likely that these persons would be driven to cover if there was an even chance of investigating their records.

General Kincaid says that once the public knows the applicant for funds has been a bona fide soldier he will not be a beggar longer. If wounded veterans are permitted to retain their status as soldiers it will be possible for them to use their household supplies at an army commissary, with a consequent saving of from 20 to 30 per cent.

Clean-Up at Atlantic City

War on Crooks Begins With Listing of All Undesirables

ATLANTIC CITY, July 18.—The long discussed campaign was begun to-day to clean up Atlantic City and rid the resort of all undesirables. Backed by a group of hotel men, who have been the chief complainants in the recent operations of bookmakers and confidence men, a squad of twelve detectives from the Burns agency are listing all gamblers, bootleggers and other undesirables.

Charles H. Dennis, Philadelphia manager of the Burns agency, who has been placed in charge of this work, said to-day:

"The orders are that Atlantic City is to be cleaned up. Expense is no item. At present we are simply hunting the crooks down and listing them. But later, should they continue to remain in the resort, they will be taken in hand through the prosecutor's office."

Another step in the campaign was the releasing of John H. Ducey, special detective to Mayor Bader. The Mayor gave an explanation for this action, but said positively that Ducey was done so far as Atlantic City plainclothes duty is concerned.

Ontario Cellars Stocked

Ban on Importation of Spirits Goes Into Effect To-day

TORONTO, July 18.—To-day it was legal to import liquor into the province of Ontario, but if anybody is caught doing it to-morrow or later the spirits will be seized and the consignees fined. Large shipments of intoxicants have been rushed into the province during the last few days.

Rothstein Again Named in Sox Baseball Trial

Prosecutor Says Attell and Hal Chase Told Burns New Yorker Would Put Up Cash to Fix Series

Fans Crowd Courtroom

Comiskey Resents Charges He Deserted Old Brotherhood for National League

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
CHICAGO, July 18.—Baseball fans, masculine and feminine, with a liberal sprinkling of small boys, jammed the courtroom to-day to hear the opening of the trial of seven former White Sox and four alleged gamblers on charges of conspiracy to throw the 1919 world series. It was an especially hard session for the small boy fan to hear his idols exonerated as traitors to the game and their employers and the public, and all for a few dollars.

Assistant State's Attorney Gorman went through each alleged deal in detail, telling of the disappointment of the players when their "graff" money was not forthcoming. He said the imbrolio grew to such alarming proportions that most of the gamblers and ball players began "double crossing" until neither side knew what the other would do.

"As to the first three counts in this indictment no evidence will be submitted," said Attorney Gorman. These counts deal with the alleged swindling of C. K. Nims, a White Sox fan, who lost money on the series.

"The day before the world series opened, another defendant in this case, Abe Attell, former prize fighter, appeared with Hal Chase at a New York hotel where Bill Burns, former White Sox pitcher was stopping. They told Burns that Arnold Rothstein had decided to 'go in' and arranged with Burns to go to Cincinnati and tell the players Rothstein would finance the conspiracy."

All in Same Hotel
"The state will endeavor to show that the Levi brothers, and Mr. Zeiser, defendants in this trial, and Abe Attell, occupied room 650 in the Sinton Hotel in Cincinnati and that the ball players were at the same hotel. When Burns arrived in Cincinnati, Attell was introduced as Rothstein's right-hand man. It was agreed that \$100,000 was to be put up and that \$20,000 was to be paid after each game."

"The players decided to lose the first two games. They said they wanted to win one game for pitcher Eddie Cicotte to put him in right for his next year's contract."

"The first game was played and, according to the prearranged plan, Cincinnati won. Burns went to Attell for the money, but Attell said he would have it the next day. The next game also was lost to Cincinnati and Burns and the players became worried about their money. Attell complained that everybody seemed to know the games were fixed and that the odds were dropping. He gave Burns \$10,000.

"Before leaving Chicago for Cincinnati there was another conference. Cicotte went back to his room and found \$10,000 in bills under his pillow. Joe Jackson, after the fourth game, got \$5,000, and that same night Claude Williams got \$5,000."

The opening of the trial to-day was marked by bitter wrangling among the attorneys, indicating that every step of the way will be fought. The defense lost the early skirmishes when it sought to have quashed certain charges

in the indictment. The state was instructed by the court to make no mention of confessions until it is decided they can or cannot be admitted.

Comiskey Is Aroused

Ben Johnson, president of the American League, will be the first witness to-morrow. Charles A. Comiskey, "master of the White Sox," furnished the feature of the afternoon.

Benedict J. Short, attorney for Jackson, aroused the wrath of the "Old Roman" on cross-examination, when he said:

"Why did you desert the Brotherhood for the National League?" Comiskey jumped to his feet, shaking with rage, and, pointing his finger at the attorney, started to reply.

The courtroom was in turmoil before Judge Friend could intervene and Comiskey shouted a denial that he broke a contract.

"Well, you jumped from one league to another," retorted Short.

"I did not break my contract, nor did I jump!" shouted the White Sox owner.

"You were trying to belittle these ballplayers," said the lawyer.

"You were not said a word about your ballplayers, not a word," answered Comiskey.

Comiskey was permitted to tell of his career, the growth of his ball park from 5,000 board stands at a Thirty-ninth Street and Wentworth Avenue to the present steel and concrete structure at Thirty-fifth Street and Shields Avenue, seating 22,000 and valued at between \$750,000 and \$800,000.

Attorney Gorman announced that Burns would be given complete immunity. This is because he has turned state's evidence as an "accomplice" of the alleged "conspirators."

Nasty Thyroid Gland Made Edna Willsey Steal

Manhattan State Hospital Head Makes His Report on Girl to Court

Superintendent Hyman, of the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island, told Judge Talley in General Sessions yesterday what ailed Edna Willsey, the eighteen-year-old girl who never had a chance and doesn't seem to be taking much of a chance when she steals.

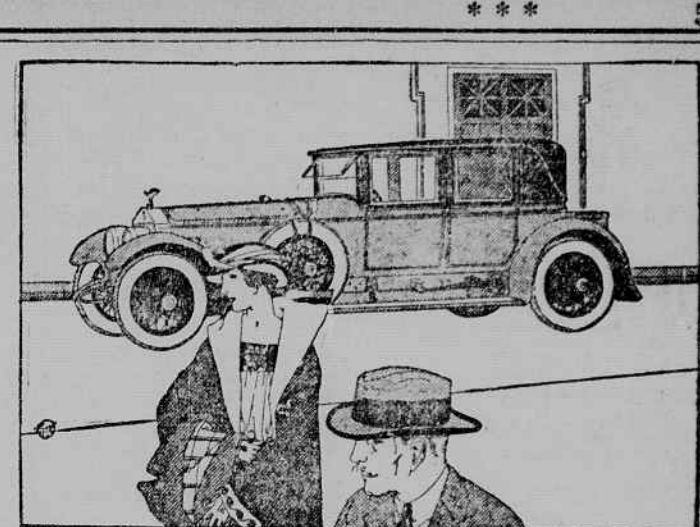
The trouble with Edna is that her thyroid gland is doing practically nothing, and Superintendent Hyman said that sufferers in such cases often stole. He said he had no doubt that Edna was a good girl and only the gland was wicked.

After listening to the superintendent of the hospital and to Edna's lawyer, Judge Talley postponed Edna's sentence until August 15, to give experts a chance to tinker with her thyroid gland. The young woman has admitted stealing clothing and jewelry from a fellow student nurse on Ward's Island and was on parole as a result of another theft when arrested.

Greeks Capture Railroad Town

THENS, July 18.—The capture by the Greeks of Kutia, on the southern branch of the Bagdad Railway, southeast of Brussa, is announced here.

LONDON, July 18.—Reuters' Athens correspondent says that the new of the fall of Kutia is "apparently premature."



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Relationship to Prisoner Who Wears French War Cross Denied by Police Official

Detective Joseph Fitzgerald, of the West Forty-seventh Street police station, last night arrested a young man at Broadway and Forty-seventh Street who gave his name as Harold D. Wanamaker, a writer, twenty-three years old, of 216 110th Street, Germantown, Pa., and said that he was a nephew of Rodman Wanamaker, Special Deputy

Police Commissioner. He was locked up on a charge of grand larceny.

The complainant was Howard McDougal, manager of the Walton-Seely Ambulance Service, of 208 West Seventy-seventh Street. McDougal said the young man had given him two checks for \$75 each for the rental of a touring car, drawn on the Germantown Trust Company.

When McDougal called the trust company on the telephone he was told that the bank handled no such account. The police learned that Rodman Wanamaker had no nephew named Harold. There is no such address as 216 110th Street, Germantown. The young man has a Croix de Guerre and said that he served with the 95th Aerial Squadron as an observer.

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